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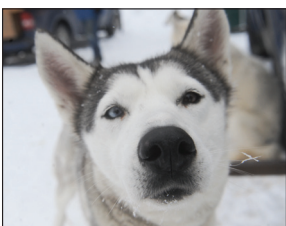
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Olympic inspiration

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 4 student Logan Malette, left, is pushed by Ben Rutter in the "bobsled" event during the Winter Olympics on Friday, Feb. 28 on the school grounds. See more on page 8. **Darren Lum** Staff



Historic building to be restored

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Its halls are narrow and the stairway banister feels low to the ground.

A frosted window depicting a floral arrangement greets you as you enter the front door.

In the corner of the first room to your right sits an ominous black safe with the name J.A. Lucas painted in orange letters on the front.

That name belongs not only to the original owner of the house, but to a man who made a life for himself in Haliburton Village and who died in the very room where the safe still stands.

Dubbed the "House that History Built" in a

2006 *Echo* article, time has written a new chapter for the building that stands on the corner of Maple Avenue and Mountain Street.

Vacant for the past eight years, the house was recently purchased by local businessman Peter Schleifenbaum and his wife Elke, who plan on opening up an antique store this May.

Constructed in 1907, the house commonly referred to as the Lucas residence was originally owned by John Albert Lucas, a member of one of Haliburton Village's pioneering families.

The son of Capt. John Lucas, the acclaimed first reeve of Dysart et al in 1867, John Lucas was the former owner of the Grand Hotel, located where V&S now stands on Highland Street.

To mark his success in the hotel business and in need of a change, Lucas had the house built by

Reuben Jackson from Cobourg, for him and his wife Annie and their eight children.

The 4,000-square-foot home was made using white brick veneer with red mortar and included the village's first carbide gas lighting and indoor plumbing fixtures and bathroom, according to the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

One of the first brick homes to be built in the village, it played host to family functions, visitors and social gatherings for many years to come.

It remained in the family for multiple generations, first passed on to daughter Madeline, the youngest of the eight children, who moved in with her own family in 1935, following the death of her mother.

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Visiting snowmobiler dies in collision

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It was supposed to be a fun winter weekend away with friends.

Last weekend Donald Parker travelled up to the area to stay with a group of buddies at a cottage on Redstone Lake.

From Pickering, Parker, 59, headed out for a late night snowmobile ride on Friday night with seven other friends, however he never made it back home.

"They had just gotten out on the trail, from the cottage,

and that's when the incident happened," said Paul Potter, media spokesman for the OPP.

According to Haliburton Highlands OPP, the call came in around 10:52 p.m. that night, with Haliburton EMS and the Dysart fire department responding to a collision on Boice Bradley Drive, about half a kilometer north of Haliburton Lake Road.

It was there where Parker, who was driving a 2002 Polaris snowmobile, lost control and struck a tree, say the OPP.

He was taken to Haliburton hospital, where he passed away from injuries incurred in the crash.

It is too early to tell if alcohol was a factor in the incident,

said Potter.

"It appears at this time that the male was unfamiliar with the area and speed may have been a factor in the collision," said the OPP in a media release.

The collision is under investigation by the OPP technical collision investigators.

A post-mortem was underway in the days following the crash, however results would take some time, said Potter.

"It's not like it's a homicide and we need the information right away," he said. "It's not suspicious."

It is likely no charges will be laid as a result of the incident, said Potter.



Skiers find inspiration in world's games

On Saturday, Feb. 22 Sir Sam's Ski and Bike saluted the 2014 Olympics with a Family Olympic Challenge that involved a series of obstacles on and off skis/snowboards. Some families said it was "their best day ever at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike." This Family Olympic Challenge followed the Sir Sam's Ski Challenge and an Olympic parade of all the students and instructors who had been in the snow school programs. Submitted by Chris Bishop

Give buffalo meat a try at wild game dinner

➤ Annual fundraiser benefits
Haliburton Highlands Outdoors
Association

Jenn Watt
Editor

The outdoors association will be cooking up a bit of everything on March 15 for their annual Wild Game Dinner at the Haliburton Legion.

Buffalo, wild boar, elk, moose, deer and fish are some of the meats the association will have on offer at the fundraiser.

"It's a good way for people to experience wild meat," said Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association president Rex

Henry.

HHOA board member Dan Johnson has been running the dinner for more than 15 years, Henry said, with seasoned cooks who know how to prepare the meat to perfection.

It's an ideal time to try food you might not have regular access to or have always been curious about.

Along with the meal, a silent auction offers items donated by local businesses.

Henry hopes the event will bring in \$5,000 – the same as last year.

The HHOA runs the Haliburton County fish hatchery along with other outdoors programming with a budget of about \$70,000 a year.

A big part of their budget is grants and donations from the community.

Tickets are \$35 per individual or \$55 a couple. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. For more details go to www.hhoa.on.ca or call Melissa at the fish hatchery at

Activities abound on March Break

Artists David and Sharon Risk will be offering a **free kids' art and nature class** at the Dysart and Minden branches of the Haliburton County Public Library on March Break. On Wednesday, March 12, the Risks will be offering the class in Minden at 10:30 a.m. and in Haliburton at 1:30 p.m.

The couple has been offering free classes for more than three decades and David Risk's art can be found in private and public collections around the world.

Kids will learn the basics of shape, perspective and shading and will get to see wildlife mounts and hear stories about art and the wilderness.

All art supplies are provided free.

To register, call 705-457-2241. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Rails End Gallery is making **Artist Trading Cards** again this year. The free event is for kids accompanied by caregivers. Each card is the size of a baseball card; you decide what to create on it. Make some to take away with you, trade with the Rails End Collect or with other people you meet at the gallery. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday through March Break from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery for ages three and older.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the **Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre** during March break, the Forest invites families to join staff for an afternoon of fun and educational activities. Watch a puppet show, listen to stories and create fun wolf arts and crafts. From 1:30 to 3 p.m. Regular admission fees apply. No registration required. See www.haliburtonforest.com for more or call 705-754-2198.

Maple Fest! From March 11 to 15, see maple syrup made the old fashioned way at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Using the museum's own maple trees using a 110-year-old syrup kettle, staff will make some tasty sweet samples for you to try. There are also crafts and activities for kids and contests. New this year, join the museum for a kids' open stage from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday. All kids are welcome to show off their talents. Call the museum for more info: 705-457-2760.

There is **public skating** March 10 to 14 at the Dysart arena from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost to skate is \$2 or free if a business/organization sponsors a skate.

The Art Hive is offering **art workshops** every day throughout March Break including felting, paper mache, clay, pendant making and more. There is usually a cost to the workshops. Call 705-754-0021 or email thearthive@live.ca for more information.

Correction

In last week's story "Friends remember Lee Blair," a name was misspelled. Deeno Pearsell delivered the speech at Blair's funeral speaking of his friend's love of life, family and animals. The Echo apologizes for the error.

In the Haliburton Echo Feb. 18 issue the Team Mills was misidentified as the Lions from Woodville.

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Marijuana facility moving forward

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 27 meeting of Dysart et al council.

The municipality has authorized a site plan agreement for a proposed manufacturing/warehouse facility on Industrial Park Road.

James Trout and Darrell Connors purchased the land from the municipality.

Municipal planning director Pat Martin told the *Echo* the facility was going to be used for a medical marijuana establishment.

"The classification and the bylaw requirement is a manufacturing plant," she said.

Due to the nature of the proposal, Health Canada and the Ontario Provincial Police heavily regulate the owners, said Martin.

"A municipality decides how they're going to treat them in their bylaws and we're going to treat it as an industrial use," she said.

The applicants submitted a \$4,000 security deposit to ensure compliance with the site plan agreement, Martin wrote in her report to council.

West Guilford looks at 2015 country jamboree

Next summer the West Guilford Community Centre may become a destination for country music enthusiasts.

Organizers are proposing a Country Music Jamboree to be held in 2015, said representative Carol Stamp during a delegation to council.

While the committee is still in the early stages of planning, they wanted to make sure they had the support of the municipality prior to proceeding.

Part of the event would include setting up an offsite campsite for visitors to use in conjunction with the jamboree.

The committee has a site in mind, however, it is not

zoned commercial, said Stamp.

Other festivals have received special permission from townships to use space not zoned commercial and Stamp asked if council would accommodate this type of request.

She also mentioned the festival committee is looking at partnering with a campsite in West Guilford for the event, to offer more options to visitors.

"We're looking at the weekend before the July long weekend," said Stamp, in regards to potential dates for the jamboree. "The idea is to use our grounds for the music and we would serve meals at the community centre."

The committee would also like to run a shuttle from the community centre to the nearby campsites.

Stamp said it was too early to estimate how many the jamboree would draw, but that they hope to grow the event and build it into a successful fundraiser.

Councillors were supportive of the idea, saying they would look into granting permission for a campsite and the necessary insurance coverage.

Cell tower protocol proposed

It may soon become a lot more difficult to construct a cell tower in Dysart et al.

Planning staff are proposing a municipal protocol that telecommunication tower applicants would have to adhere to in order to gain municipal approval, which is then submitted to Industry Canada.

Along with adhering to the protocol, applicants would have to pay a \$500 fee.

"The purpose of this policy is to outline the procedure to be followed by applicants wishing to establish or expand telecommunication facilities within the corporate limits of the Municipality of Dysart et al. This procedure must be followed in order to satisfy the requirements of Industry Canada for the consultation with local land use authorities and the public, prior to approval of an application by Industry Canada to establish or expand telecommunication facilities," says the draft protocol.

Among the recommendations in the draft is the encouragement of the "mono-pine" structures and that water-front proximity to proposed towers and a natural vegetation buffer be considered.

The protocol would require applicants to follow strict submission requirements, including a site plan and preliminary drawings, as well as the responsibility of organizing and facilitating a public meeting.

Applicants must also erect signage notifying the public of the proposed tower 30 days prior to the public meeting and advertise the meeting in the newspaper.

Councillor Dennis Casey questioned whether the proposed protocol was not flexible for applicants, to which Martin said some of the wording could be changed.

"With these towers there has to be compromise for everyone," said Casey.

Severance fees changed

Municipal staff are proposing changes to planning fees, including those for severance applications.

The proposed fee structure suggests a fee of \$500 for a proposal for lot creation, \$200 for a lot addition/right of way and \$100 for the resubmission of a file.

Martin said she looked to neighbouring townships and found they were charging similar fees.

Property standards bylaw to be updated

Changes could be coming to the municipality's property standards bylaw, including a new \$150 fee for anyone who appeals to the property standards committee and is not successful.

The fee is to address those who file frivolous appeals to stall the process, due to the lack of repercussions, wrote chief building official Dan Sayers in his report to council.

Other changes include requirements for outdoor storage of materials that are not debris and allowing one unlicensed vehicle as per the zoning bylaw.

The former change is to address those who store unsightly building materials not considered to be debris.

The current property standards bylaw was passed in 2001, according to the report.

Councillors are to review the changes before bringing it back for approval.

New dispensing units improve Highlands health services

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It's like a vending machine for medicine.

Three new automatic dispensing units were unveiled at Haliburton Highlands Health Services last week, a purchase made possible through a joint effort between the HHHS Foundation and both Haliburton and Minden auxiliaries.

Totalling \$140,000, the three machines will be set-up at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

The ADUs will be used for storing medicines, which will be accessible only through a computer system, said Debbie Watson, director of patient care and chief nursing officer.

"These will enhance patient safety," said Watson.

Apart from safety, the new machines will also be more efficient for staff seeking a patient's prescription, as the previous system had nurses searching for medicines in a stock room.

"This secures the meds in one spot, makes it easier for nurses," said Watson.

Following best practices, the ADUs include a drug dictionary within the system and are linked with the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.

Most important, the new equipment frees up the time and attention of hospital personnel.

"It makes it easier for front line staff and this way they can spend more time with patients," said Watson.



One of three new automatic dispensing units was set-up at its new home in the emergency department at the Haliburton hospital on Feb. 25. From left, HHHS president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian, Minden auxiliary vice-president Mickey Bonham, HHHS director of patient care and chief nursing officer Debbie Watson, Haliburton auxiliary president Tracey Lear, Minden auxiliary president Val du Manoir, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and Haliburton auxiliary treasurer Kathy Oke.

Annual derby is for the dogs

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

If huskies could smile this winter would have given them something to grin about.

With this past winter season chalk full of frigid temperatures and record amounts of snow, Mother Nature has left many wistfully waiting for spring.

The team at Winterdance Dogsled Tours and mushers across the country however feel differently.

A polar vortex is just what a sled dog likes and that was more than apparent on March 1 and 2 at the 12th annual Dogsled Derby, held at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

With approximately 90 teams registered from all over North America, the two-day event featuring open and purebred classes proved to be one of the most successful to date.

"Conditions are phenomenal," said event organizer Tanya McCready of Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

Competitors raced in four-, six- and eight- dog classes, as well as the popular kid and mutt race, youth race and skjoring event.

McCready and Hank DeBruin were thrilled with the success of the annual attraction and with the winter weather, saying conditions for the past few months have been ideal for dogsledding and racing.

Sled dogs run their best when temperatures hit about -20 degrees Celsius and start to lag at around -5 or -10 degrees, said one musher from Bracebridge.

Reminiscent of an old fashion winter, the past few months have kept the operators of Winterdance very busy, said DeBruin.

McCready and DeBruin plan to continue running the derby for as long as they can.

Local results

Haliburton's Dustyn DeBruin placed fourth in the four-dog purebred race, while Logan DeBruin placed 11th.

Karen Koehler of Minden placed first in the one- and two-dog skjoring event.

Maria Perrin from Minden came 11th in skjoring and four-dog open race.

Michaela DeBruin placed first in the kid and mutt race, while Jessica DeBruin placed second in the same event.

Gail Perrin from Minden finished 10th in the six-dog open race.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Five-year-old Kiwi smiles for the camera after competing at the 12th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby on March 1 at Pinestone Resort. From Bracebridge, Kiwi's full name is Kiwidinuk, which means one who runs swiftly.



James Phillips mushed his way through the hills and forest.



Official race marshal Jim Cunningham gives racer Frank Caldwell the thumbs up when it's time to go at the starting gate at the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby.



Mike Siertsema mushed his way through the hills and forest at Pinestone Resort on March 1 and 2 for the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. Teams raced in the four-, six- and eight-dog classes. This six-dog team races towards the finish line.



Conditions were ideal at the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby on March 1 and 2 at Pinestone Resort. The freshly fallen snow and cold temperatures were a dream for the dog sleds, said many of the mushers who competed in the event. Teams came from as far as New York, Ohio and Quebec.



Submitted by Vince Duchene

The Duchene family, father, Vince, left, son and gold medal winner, Matt, mother, Chris and sister, Jessica had reason to smile following the Team Canada 3-0 victory over Sweden at the Sochi Winter Games.

Golden smile matches Olympic medal for hometown boy

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Life can't get much better for Haliburton's Matt Duchene after winning a gold medal with the Canadian men's hockey team in Sochi, Russia.

Minutes after the team photo was taken, his parents, Vince and Chris and sister Jessica greeted him in the arena lounge as he came from the dressing room, wearing his cap backwards, a long-sleeve Canada shirt and shorts.

Every parent wants success for his or her child and seeing Matt on the ice get his gold medal was unbelievable, Vince said.

"As a parent you love to see success in your kids and for him to have been named to the team to start with. To have a role with the team and to be able to see him with the gold medal ... it's still pretty hard [to believe]," he said.

Matt's mother, Chris, has never seen a bigger smile.

"When Matt came to us after the game, I knew I would probably never witness him so happy again in his hockey career unless of course it was winning the Stanley Cup! He just kept admiring the medal and beaming from ear to ear," she wrote in an email.

When the buzzer had signaled the end of the game, the Duchenes cried tears of joy for their son and the whole team.

"I think I got teary at the end of the game because I got to know many of the parents and I felt so happy for them and also for Canada. When John Tavares was helped onto the ice at the end of the game by his teammates, I felt sad that he couldn't play because of his injury, but I was so happy that he would take home a gold medal that he had worked so hard for before he got injured," Chris wrote.

Tavares's injury was an unfortunate scenario that allowed Matt to centre the fourth line.

Anyone watching the Canadian men's hockey games would have noticed the Highland Storm banner hanging behind the Duchene family on the railing.

Vince knew it was a fitting tribute to the Storm to hang it there.

"It's minor hockey and that's where he started here. Someone organized to have all the kids sign the banner," he explained. "For us to be able to give that back to minor hockey and create that excitement for kids, especially the younger ones was pretty high on our priority list."

Days after, Vince is simply beside himself about the experience.

"At the end of the day we're people from Haliburton - that is a small town with great people. You can't really put into words you spent nine days in Russia and felt an Olympic gold medal in your hand. It's very surreal," he said.

Notwithstanding his personal high standards, the pressure of his country and hockey team, Matt puts forth his greatest effort for his hometown.

"He always feels a pressure to do well for Haliburton," Vince said.

He remembers leaving Haliburton on Valentine's Day, seeing the signs of support for Matt.

"I saw all the business offices with 'Bring it home, Matt' and pictures and flags so I took pictures of them all. When I got to Russia we met him right away and I shared it with him as well as a video that has been going around that was created here. So, I let him watch it, he had tears ... he is such a Haliburton hometown boy that loves the community. It really hit home for him," he said.

The experience, he said, has changed Matt forever.

"He will never be the same boy. He now understands more how to win. Rubbing shoulders with the guys that he was with these two weeks is something he can draw on ... It will never be the same again," he said.

Minden Hills roads worker assaulted

On Feb. 21, officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were contacted by the Township of Minden Hills roads department supervisor. At approximately 7 a.m. the operator of a Minden Hills Township truck was parked on Cofarm Road in Minden, when a male approached the truck. The man stepped up on the running boards and began to yell and swear at the driver regarding the conditions of the road. The male then punched the driver of the sander truck, causing minor injuries. The driver of the sander truck then knocked the male off

the running boards. The suspect, who is described as male, mid to late 60s with grey hair, fled the scene in a black Dodge Dakota pickup truck. The licence plate number was not obtained. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact OPP Constable Neville at 705-286-1431.

Break and enter at Minden hydro yard

Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is currently investigating a break & enter and theft at the Hydro One yard on Highway 35 in

Minden. Sometime between the evening of Feb. 21 and the early morning hours of Feb. 22, thieves gained access to the yard by cutting through the chain link fence. Numerous items were stolen from the hydro trucks and trailers including six gas-powered saws and 12 to 15 coils of copper wire wrapped in orange insulation. The total value of the items stolen is estimated to be at \$15,000.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Semach at 705-286-1431 or the Kawartha-Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.khcs.ca.

OPP costs dominate conference

Haliburton County not alone arguing new model too costly

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The new OPP billing model proposed to come into effect in 2015 was on the minds and lips of politicians at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association/Ontario Good Roads Association conference last week.

The conference was held at Toronto's Royal York hotel Feb. 23 to 26.

Haliburton County's reeves had requested a meeting with Madeleine Meilleur, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, to express their opposition to the formula.

"We were the first delegation," Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told councillors and members of the public following a council meeting Feb. 27. "[Meilleur] didn't seem very flexible at that point. Forty-eight delegations later, she probably got the message."

Reid said OPP costs were the dominant issue of the conference.

Haliburton County is among the municipalities that would be most adversely affected by the formula, with the annual combined policing costs of its four townships jumping from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million.

Only the District of Muskoka would be more severely affected, with annual costs there taking a leap from \$9.7 million to \$17 million.

One-hundred-ninety of the Ontario townships served by the OPP would see their costs jump under the framework, the rational for which is to equalize OPP payments among municipalities at \$369 per household.

Reid said Meilleur seemed unwilling to explore changing the formula or accept a request to postpone its initiation.

The county's politicians went armed with fact sheets explaining how the changes would negatively impact their constituencies - tax increase between 20 and 36 per cent, depending on the township - and handed them out to provincial reps.

Reid seemed hopeful that the issue that Opposition leader Tim Hudak had brought up doing away with the formula during a speech Tuesday.

"I think that's going to add a political dimension to this," the reeve said.

Legislation allows for municipalities to create their own police forces or bind with adjacent municipalities to create joint

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To be honest, I didn't meet anyone at the conference who felt that was a viable alternative.

— Minden Hills
Reeve Barb Reid

forces.

"To be honest, I didn't meet anyone at the conference who felt that was a viable alternative," Reid said, explaining there had been conversations with neighbouring municipalities.

However, she noted there were no numbers to back up these instincts.

"If the alternative isn't viable, we need to show it isn't viable," said Reid, who's suggested investigating alternatives at the county table.

While mitigation funding has been proposed by some townships, it's not an idea Haliburton County has embraced, with Reid calling it a Band-Aid solution and saying that any funding to help ease the blow would last a few years at most.

"We think the underlying rational behind this is wrong," she said.

County treasurer Laura Janke has called the formula "flawed" and the fact sheet produced by the county points out that no other municipal costs, calculations, grants or funding opportunities are provided on a per-household basis.

Also, with the auditor general's figure that an OPP officer costs \$159,00 on average - between salary, benefits, etc. - Haliburton County would be paying for 54 officers at the proposed rate, but only has 29 at the detachment.

Also on the fact sheet is that the 65 per cent of county residences that are seasonal do not generate the same volume of service calls as year-round residences and that a lack of industrial and commercial tax base places burden on households.

Reid is the county's representative on an OPP billing steering committee organized through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, which will be meeting again this week.

That body is compiled of reps of both townships that would see their costs rise and townships that would see their costs fall.

"The whole thing is truly up in the air right now," Reid said.

The steering committee is expected to produce a report in April.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Take the plunge

FOUR YEARS AGO, during the last municipal election, building a public pool for the people of Haliburton County was a hot topic.

There were few candidates who would openly admit they didn't like the idea.

Some used caveats – they supported a pool if studies found it economically feasible, etc. – but most were happy to throw their support behind the pool lobbyists.

(OK, the Community Swimming Pool Initiative is not quite formal lobbyists, but they are organized, vocal and persuasive.)

Elections come, many pool supporters win, four years go by.

No pool.

In the meantime, a feasibility study was done and a phone survey found more than a thousand people willing to pay \$45 a month to use a public facility.

The results were presented to county council with flourish and props – parents, kids in swimsuits and drawings.

A sign of what we will see in the coming election.

When it comes to the pool concern, this campaign has got to be different than the last.

In 2010, candidates didn't have all of the information. While some of them surely already knew they didn't sup-

port a pool and used this dearth of data to hide behind, many honestly weren't yet certain of their opinions.

Going into this October's election, the landscape has changed and candidates will need to step up with opinions they are willing to stand behind once elected.

A joint pool and recreation facility could cost taxpayers \$8 million, if it's anything like similar projects, and its operation

could be another \$700,000 every year.

The committee has survey results saying more than 1,600 people would pay to use the pool, but those people haven't signed any membership agreement. They aren't fully committed.

Candidates who say during this campaign that, if elected, they will support a pool need to be willing to back that up in practice.

The information is in. A pool means investment – it means a tax increase or municipal debt or, at the very least, shifting money from another program.

It's a big, controversial decision.

But now we have the information and no more studies should delay the decision any longer.

This election will again be about a public pool and candidates need to be frank about where they stand on this issue.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Winter birch

photo by Darren Lum

Preparing for the zombie apocalypse

HALIBURTON VILLAGE IS a happening place and it seems every week we learn of something new on the horizon.

The Haliburton Village BIA executive was pleased to welcome Alex Bell to the February meeting and to learn about an upcoming exciting community Halloween event: Haliburton Apocalypse and Terror in the Highlands.

As Alex explained, this event is being planned and we can expect it to include a show/event the weekend before Halloween, a daytime event on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31 and a zombie crawl/parade and dance party on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The BIA executive members were also pleased to hear it will be a family-oriented event and will support our local food banks.

The BIA is looking forward to hearing more about Haliburton Apocalypse and Terror in the Highlands as plans progress and to working with Alex and his group to promote this special event. It sounds like a fun and amazing experience for all!

The new 2014 BIA executive is in place. The BIA is a nine member volunteer not-for-profit organization.

Currently there are eight executive members.

We remain hopeful one of our member stores, restaurants or businesses will step forward to fill the vacancy.

In the meantime, we are more than ready to put winter to bed and start our spring fling.

We are pricing flower baskets and getting ready to order more banners. We will be considering a spring shop local promotion.

Your ideas and suggestions about this are always welcome and appreciated.

Personally, I am especially excited to think spring. It's coming home time for the snow birds and return of our seasonal residents.

Having said this, it has been easy to stay connected to Haliburton when not in the county.

I have enjoyed being able to attend meetings via Skype; to stay up to date with the *Echo* and Canoe and Moose online and to be able to bring you the BIA news in this column.

Facebook is also a fun way to stay current with our wonderful and talented Haliburtonians and to read and share so many interesting articles, events, news stories and, of course, humour (LOL).

I will be home again next month and I am already excited to walk downtown in the village, to see you all, to say hello and to get back into the swing of village life.

The big question, as coming home draws near, is: Will the snow be gone from our driveway?

Last year, after an arthritic adventure (I've fallen and can't get up!) hiking in from the beach, I was house bound for two weeks waiting for the melt.

I am putting my best positive thoughts into an early spring and a gentle and steady melt.

Think spring!



Gail Stelter
BIA in the Village



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points of view

Smile

IF YOU ARE about to participate in any activity in which you are required to have a camera attached to your head in any way, take my advice – it's time to reconsider the activity. Or your life in general.

This, after all, is the human equivalent of an airplane's black box – in that nobody is all that keen to look at the data you've collected until after the crash.

If you need further proof of this, just remember that not once in the history of golf, ballroom dancing, spelling bees or curling has anyone ever been asked to wear a camera on his head. On the other hand, they are now routinely worn by sky divers, mountain bikers, rock climbers, skateboarders, SWAT teams, bomb disposal experts and moto-cross riders.

I was reminded of this over the last week or so after watching two videos of people who were also wearing cameras.

In the first, a beautiful young scuba diver swam intentionally over to a 16-foot great white shark. Once there, she grabbed onto its dorsal fin, and went for a blissful ride – I imagine until dinner. In the second video, a man who calls himself the Lion Whisperer was play wrestling with a huge male lion. And then in the next clip he smiled as a hyena licked his head.

Interestingly, both risk takers were sponsored by Go Pro cameras, although I have a strong suspicion that the good people at Depends might be looking to partner with them soon.

You've got to hand it to the folks who handle Go Pro's marketing campaign. This, after all, is brilliant. You simply market to people who aren't going to survive for too long. That way you don't have to worry about warranty issues.

The thing is, as bad as imminent death is, I think there are even greater dangers than these for anyone who routinely walks around with a camera on his head.

Loneliness immediately comes to mind. Worse still, no matter what cool shots you envision, Murphy's law will ensure you are looking the other way



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

when it's happening.

I can just imagine a guy waiting for endless hours for Bigfoot to arrive when suddenly his friend whispers, "There he is."

To which, Camera Head turns towards his friend and says, "Pardon?"

This simple principle is something that is forgotten by almost anyone who is under the age of 40. And the reason young people forget this, I assume, is because they never grew up with parents who were on the cutting edge of video camera usage.

Fortunately, there are people like me still around to tell you all about it.

I, and others just like me, recall the nightmarish era when every good father routinely ruined his kids' lives by taking video of practically every inconsequential event that ever happened. And while this was supposed to make for good memories in theory, in reality the only footage that survived or was captured was that in which the kid was caught picking her nose, showing exposed underwear or wearing a hairstyle or shirt that was cause enough to wish all witnesses eliminated with extreme prejudice. Often, if your dad was good with a camera, he'd get all three.

The good part about the old days was that no one was trying to get anything too exciting on film. At best, your dad would try to get footage of a kid jumping on a trampoline, skating on a rink or tobogganing down a hill. At least that was harmless.

The newer video is in high definition and has audio to boot – a recipe for lawsuits and divorces if ever there was one. Add this to the narcissistic craze that includes selfies, Facebook posts and Instagrams of the dinner you are about to eat and you're soon led to the salient question: at what point in human history did we begin to feel the urge to record the momentous occasion when a cat chased a flashlight beam?

This is an important question to ask, because should we ever develop time travel, I strongly believe that's the point in time when we should send an agent back to, in order slap some sense into the camera man.

On the other hand, I'm sure someone way back in my day probably tried to record that moment. Unfortunately, I suspect all she got was five minutes of a kid picking his nose.



pic of the past

Orville Austin (1910-1981) on the right and unknown companion are taking a fishing break on an unknown lake. Behind them is a water tank icer used to keep the logging trails as slick with ice as possible to make it easier on the horses who had to pull the huge loads of logs out of the woods. In the day, the bucket would be lowered into a hold in the ice and haul up water that would be stored in the tank. At night, when the temperatures dipped, the tank would be hauled along the logging road, emptying its load as it went along. By morning, there'd be a trail of ice through the woods. This photo is from the *Echo* Pic of the Past archives, originally supplied by Joyce (Austin) Heikkinen.

letters to the editor

Let's welcome Armatec

To the Editor,

I remember a time when all there was present in the Harcourt area was farms and a large industrial lumber mill called Martin's Lumber. This mill involved large machinery, bulldozers, drying kilns and logging trucks coming in and out all day. I could only imagine the extent of the noise at that time. This even included an airstrip, with planes taking off and landing. During this time, the water quality was being tested and found to be in fine condition.

With the existence of all of this industrial operation came the cottagers. They came, they came and more came. These cottagers also came with docks, boats, jetskis, quad runners, and running water with toilets with improper septic systems.

Now the water quality was tested again, failing miserably. The water was so bad that they put a freeze on development in the entire York River Waterway.

Everyone is complaining about the pollution, and the effect it will have on their quality of life. There is no evidence that any Armatec facility has ever been detrimental to the environment, and the quality of life? Where was the worry about that when the lumber mill was running?

The facility itself will be far away from any actual home or campsite, well hidden in the middle of the acreage they are purchasing. If there's a problem with how close it will come to other homes, why not set up a zoning bylaw that states it has to stay a certain distance from all currently owned properties, instead of outright denying them the land? No one seems to think of the good here, of the income it will bring, and jobs that it will create.

This is a \$2 million property that has sat for a great deal of time, turning down offers from mining companies and others that would destroy the land completely. Now that there is an offer from a company that would be far less intrusive than what has been around in the past, people want to say no. If that continues to be the case, pull together the money and purchase it yourselves. The cottagers shouldn't burden the current owners just because they won't take the time to research what's happening, and instead they blindly fight it.

This time instead of driving away what we're looking for, which is jobs and tax base for the local economy, let's welcome with open arms this great prospect for our community.

Shannon Ramsay

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letters

Further development is necessary

To the Editor,

Re: Feb. 25 editorial: On civility

I'm not a user of Facebook so forward to you these thoughts.

Further research and development is unfortunately necessary to cope with today's ugly, growing use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), today's land mines, by the cowardly bottom feeders who engage in terrorism.

It's also unfortunate that a site is required to conduct defence testing. Has the Armatec company tried to find a site either within one of the existing military properties, or appropriately annexed adjacent to one of them (governments do expropriate certain properties, for example, the local Stanhope Airport)? The military, and all of us, have need for defensive solutions to cope with this modern day scourge and locating within, or adjacent to, an area already familiar with the sounds and noise of military related explosions could be a more appropriate solution rather than invading the otherwise peaceful environments enjoyed by communities of people our military protect.

John Heginbottom

Not in my backyard

To the Editor,

There seems to be a disturbing trend in NIMBYism. The newspaper account of the public meeting re Armatec, sounds quite familiar to accounts of the Sumac Ridge Wind Farm public meetings, and the gas plants, etc. Rude, bullying, intimidating behaviour by opponents. This is after all a democratic country, and if opponents don't want to meet in a civil manner, then perhaps proponents shouldn't need to be bothered meeting at all. Worse yet in the case of the wind farms this unacceptable behaviour was extended to farmers whose property the turbines were to be built on. Most opposition these days, to anything, whether it is quarries or whatever, tends to push the playground thing, and deny any activity that might provide year round employment to an area that desperately needs it. All of this punctuated by not in my backyard.

Given what the company proposes I really question that its presence will actually bring about Armageddon as opponents claim. One letter mentions one of the points of the wind farm opposition, bird kills, completely disregarding the slaughter of migrating birds by the tall buildings in Toronto, which continue to be built right in a major migratory route. As to the rest I wonder how many of the opponents are guilty of creating unnecessary noise by running a leaf blower, (especially early Sunday morning like my neighbour) or a chainsaw, the nasty nailing of roof shingles, ruining a tranquil Sunday with gunfire, setting off noisy fireworks, having a noisy party, blasting a foundation for a new cottage, roaring down a country road in the middle of the night, or having dogs that incessantly bark when outside, or setting a brush or grass fire and smoking out the neighbours, or possibly roaring around on an ATV, dirt bike, or snowmobile? All too often today some people think it is perfectly fine to do what they want with their property, but don't extend the same courtesy to others with regards to their land. Just thinking out loud?

Keith W. Stata
Kinmount



Students get inspired

Above, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 4 student Kellsie Packard takes a step with a team during the Winter Olympics event on Friday, Feb. 28 on the school grounds. The school's population of more than 300 participated in nine events inspired by this year's Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Right, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 8 student Claire Karaguesian pulls Jacob Boomhour in the "luge."

Darren Lum Staff



Man assaults arena employee with hockey stick

On March 1, Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police were called to an assault at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. At approximately 10:15 a.m. a confrontation between two men took place inside the arena and one of the men assaulted the other with a hockey stick.

As a result of the investigation, a 29-year-old man from Minden was charged with assault with a weapon. The victim, a 27-year-old employee at the arena, was not injured during the incident.

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on May 7.

Snowmobile stolen from cottage

On March 1, Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police was contacted regarding the theft of a snowmobile from a cottage on Clear Lake in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Sometime during Feb. 28 to March 1 thieves stole a black 2011 Arctic Cat Crossfire 800cc valued at approximately \$10,000. The machine was parked at the lake near the cottage.

The vehicle identification number (VIN) is 4UF11SN-W1BT119308 and the Ontario licence is 4AC207.

So far this winter season, this is the third snowmobile in the Haliburton County area and the 37th stolen within OPP Central Region area.

Police are reminding snowmobile owners to make every effort to store them safely by disabling, securing and keeping them out of sight. Your efforts may help in deterring thieves and reduce the likelihood of you going without this winter.

Anyone with information in any of the snowmobile thefts is asked to contact OPP at 705-286-1431 or the Kawartha-Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1 800 222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.khcs.ca.

The designer!

Gerald Irish
A Senior's Moment

I had missed one whole day of walking with our dogs due to wind and extreme cold but today the sun is shining and the winds are much calmer. I hooked up the kids and away we went for our walk along the lakefront.

Before I have another Senior's Moment let me interrupt my train of thought (a dangerous thing to do) and thank all the municipal employees who have worked so hard this year keeping roads and walkways cleared and safe for all of us.

Now back to our walk. Remembering how awkward and clumsy I can be we carefully set off on our stroll. As we approached the entrance to the walkway I suddenly stopped, stunned by the beauty of the snow dunes, so beautifully sculpted by the hand of nature.

Wherever we looked in the park there was evidence of this creative, artistic beauty.

Do we take or make time to observe nature in all its beauty in spite of weather conditions?

Do we thank the great architect and artist of all we see (whatever name we attach to him or her)?

Please stop. Take time to see the beauty around us. We are so fortunate to live in these beautiful Highlands.

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HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian and HHHSF executive director Dale Walker talk to the HHHS board about the new palliative care suite slated to be built at the Haliburton hospital.

HHHS hopes to break ground in summer

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services hopes to start construction on a second palliative care suite at the Haliburton hospital by the end of August.

"The ministry staff is going to try to accelerate the process of our planning," CEO Varouj Eskedjian told members of the board at a Feb. 27 meeting.

On Feb. 13, HHHS received formal permission from the health ministry to proceed with capital planning on the project.

Eskedjian hopes this process will be complete by spring and that a tender for the project will go out by the end of June.

In the meantime, HHHS will attempt to pre-qualify a number of contractors.

"The idea is to try to shorten the timeline," Eskedjian said, adding he hoped to have shovels in the ground by late August and the shell of the addition closed by winter so that interior work can be completed.

The expansion will include two bedroom suites, a family room and vestibule area.

"We have started to do some preliminary work for fundraising," Haliburton Highlands

Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker told the board.

The foundation has already raised \$250,000 for the project, with the campaign goal at \$900,000.

The project's final cost will be solidified once working drawings are completed.

The fundraising campaign will be called Making Moments Matter.

"It's a whole journey of end-of-life care," Walker said. "It's also about celebrating the family and the family being able to celebrate that life."

The campaign is set to kick off officially in May, with Walker hoping the foundation will have raised some \$400,000 by then.

She's aiming for the campaign to finish early next year, around the same time construction of the addition should be wrapping up.

"It's a pretty tight timeframe, but we're confident we can do it," Walker said.

Proceeds from the recent Curl for Care bonspiel and this year's Cash for Care lottery will be used for the project.

For Cash for Care tickets, call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580 or visit www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation/cash-for-care-lottery



Retirement funds

Janice Andrews, far right, presents a \$500 donation to Canoe FM president Malcolm MacLean and station co-ordinator Roxanne Casey on Feb. 26. Andrews, who does bookkeeping for the not-for-profit radio station, donated the funds through the CIBC retiree volunteer program. The donation will go towards the cabling and equipment in Canoe FM's new Radio Hall, said Casey.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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Steve Galea teaches John Speziali some things about ice fishing. This was John's first time ice fishing. They didn't catch anything, however.



"This is my boy Malakai. I call the picture 'Find the Husky,' since he blended in with the woods during a recent snowstorm" wrote Linda Wylie.

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Tina Palmer sent in this picture of a pileated woodpecker at her suet feeder on Beech Lake.

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Cold conditions create hot finish for local musher

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Hank DeBruin is the kind of guy who takes everything as it comes.

The 51-year-old Haliburton musher, who runs the Winterdance Dog Sled Tours with his wife Tanya McCready DeBruin, not only finished, but blazed to a solid eighth place at this year's 1,000 mile international sled dog race.

The Yukon Quest runs from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Whitehorse, Yukon, featured an international field of 18 teams, who came from the U.S., Canada, Sweden and New Zealand.

According to his wife, DeBruin had the second fastest time from Braeburn to the finish, matching second place finisher, Hugh Neff.

DeBruin was proud of his team for the amazing run they had and the way they finished.

The first time DeBruin raced the Quest he finished in 13th and completed the course in 13 days and 11 hours. This time he finished in 12 days, 18 hours and 58 minutes.

The second time around didn't prove to be any easier though for the dogsled operator, who has been running dogs for 18 years. He has the kind of face that reflects the wild nature he loves.

He sports a full, thick beard, eyes like the winter blue sky, weathered skin from the blistering, whipping,

winds he faced and long brown hair, wild, like the landscape of the Yukon.

"Every time we run that race it seems to be a helluva tough run," he said, laughing. "The last one at the time had been one of the worse. This one seemed equal to that one or better. From Ontario running [Siberians] it's a race you'll never win so an eighth place finish is very rewarding for us," he said.

Despite 2011 being considered the toughest Quest, this year's topped that with other challenges such as warm weather, which created course changes and scary moments on the Yukon River while coming into Dawson.

"One particular night my team needed a rest so I gave them a couple hours' rest. I was sleeping in my sled bag I woke up by the sound of a freight train coming down river. We got out quickly and moved all the stuff back in the bag and pulled the dogs up higher up on shore and looked back where I was sitting it was wide open water," he said.

He explained the melting snow on the mountain peaks needs somewhere to go.

"That much water just breaks up the ice," he said.

DeBruin's racing experience with these types of events includes the Iditarod and the Hudson Bay Quest.

Snowstorms also came into play. "It took us 14 hours to move

20 miles, basically had to snowshoe in front of the team for 20 miles because there was no trail left. There was 18 inches of fresh snow," he said. "We lost a lot of time there. If I'd left Eagle checkpoint an hour earlier I probably would have missed that storm. That's just the way it goes," he said.

Like others, he dropped three dogs in the first 200 miles.

"There were a lot of dogs that dropped this year. And again it was because conditions were so tough. When you get that hard a trail and that kind of ice there not huge injuries, but they can twist ankles, twist shoulders even if a dog is a little bit lame you're not going to keep taking them. They get left with handlers and the team goes on," Tanya said.

There were 56 dogs dropped from the race.

Two of DeBruins' dogs, Jay and Howler, who had thick heavy coats, needed to be left behind at two different checkpoints because of the warmer than usual temperatures.

"When we peaked Eagle Summit and Rosebud we were up by eight or 10 degrees [Celsius] at the peak. We run heavy coated dogs so that was awful hard on them. We ended up dropping two of our guys. They overheated," he said.

The last dog, K2, suffered a minor injury after slipping on the ice. All of them are back in Haliburton.

Despite the early setbacks, the

team started to get going when the thermometer plunged and the course mimicked home.

"We got off the river and got on to bush trails, which is what our dogs train on, so that is a real big difference. Once you get onto bush trails our team picked right up," he said. "Wide open spaces, you can't find that here for hundreds of miles, so that's pretty daunting for a team of dogs that have never seen it."

He added, the "blow-hole affect" - when the wind is channelled along an open space between two mountain ranges - proved taxing to this team.

Up to the halfway point he conserved his dogs' energy so they could handle the various challenges. He only started to push them when the cold weather set in. Regarded as a veteran musher, DeBruin has learned to never look back and always move forward.

"You just have to focus on keep moving forward. As soon as you start thinking of going back you're screwed. That's all there is to it," he said. "It's a mental run. It's physical as well, but the biggest part is mental. To be able to keep going no matter what Mother Nature throws at you; you keep moving forward. You're covering 1,000 miles, so you know it might be awful weather or an awful trail. Up the trail has got to get better because you're covering such a great distance."

He laughed, saying racing is easy

with the support provided by his wife Tanya and her brother, Ward, who were at all of his checkpoints along the way.

"I can't do without them. You have to have people that can back you up 200 per cent or you'll never hit the finish line," he said. "When you get into a checkpoint you're down, tired and exhausted, freezing your ass off and to just be able to talk to someone that can talk you through it and keep you positive. For me at least that's what gets me to the next point. It keeps the drive forward."

Tanya is an invaluable team member, providing the necessary logistical help whether it's related to racing or training. Any problem that arises she is there to resolve it, DeBruin said.

"What she goes through is crazy, really. Sometimes there are frustrating moments to make it work," he said.

He adds keeping the public and media connected to his achievements is something Tanya worries about.

Anything regarding the future is just too far away to think about for DeBruin.

"Don't know. You never know which way the wind blows. We're the kind of people who live in the moment. You look forward, but you got to get through the moment first," he said. "So, who knows? Not sure. See where it goes."

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The house on the corner of Maple Avenue and Mountain Street was built by John Lucas in 1907 and remained a part of the Lucas family until it was sold in 2006 by granddaughter Dorelle Baker. Photographed here in its earlier days, the house still stands on the corner to this day and was one of the first brick homes to be built in Haliburton Village.



Angelica Blenich Staff

After being vacant for the past eight years, the Lucas House has been purchased by Peter Schleifenbaum and is being restored by Gary Burtch Construction. The owner plans to open an antique store in the 4,000-square-foot house this May. More than 100 years old, this will mark the first time the house is not being used as a private residence.

Preserving a piece of Haliburton history

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Granddaughter Dorelle Baker was next to inherit the special family abode, which she kept until August 2006, when she eventually sold as she was 77 and unable to keep up with the maintenance costs and upkeep.

Since that time it has remained vacant, with its years showing on the outer façade, its age acting as both a blessing and a curse.

Until now.

Owner of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, Schleifenbaum has always had an affinity for European antiques, with his own family roots tracing back to Germany.

For the past few months he and his wife were on the hunt to find just the right location for a business that was close to their heart.

The Lucas house was just what they were looking for.

Castle Antiques is scheduled to open its doors this spring and will feature a mix of traditional European antiques with contemporary home furnishings and art deco costume jewelry.

The year-round store will be separate from the Haliburton Forest and its retail location on Highland Street, which will stay as is.

Schleifenbaum has hired Gary Burtch construction to renovate and restore the house, with both men set on maintaining its historical integrity.

When the construction crew first gained access to the house, the entire structure had sunk significantly down the middle, so much so that the doors weren't able to swing open or shut.

The foundation had to be raised in order to level out the building. Apart from structure, the changes will be minimal.

"We want to keep the original feel of the house ... of course there is some modernization that has to take place," said Schleifenbaum. "It's over 100 years old. It was built really well, I'm surprised at how good the structure of the house is."

To recognize its history and standing in the community, old photographs and information on the house will be included in the building once complete and open to the public.

Documents have already been gathered from places such as the Haliburton Highlands Museum, with more always welcome from the public.

Schleifenbaum is particularly interested in seeing photographs showing the interior of the house.



This safe belonged to the original owner John Lucas, with documentation showing its origins go back to 1902. Built into the foundation of the house, the safe contained historical artifacts such as the newspaper clipping announcing the marriage of John's daughter Madeline.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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We want to keep the original feel of the house ... of course there is some modernization that has to take place.

— Peter Schleifenbaum

Castle Antiques will be managed by Amanda Manary, who has been busily working behind the scenes, getting the building ready for its big debut.

"Peter has a long-standing love for antiques, it's hard not to catch his enthusiasm," she said.

New to the antique business, Manary glows with excitement when describing what the retail space will be like.

The many rooms of the house will be filled with Georgian and other antiques dating back to the 1700s, mixed in with 1960s furnishings made popular again by media such as television show *Mad Men*.

"We might have a dark piece of furniture paired with a bright orange vase," said Manary. "We want to contrast old with modern."

The store will have something for everyone and will offer a new attraction for Haliburton County.

"We want it so that people in Haliburton looking for a present for their mom, or for something unique, something you won't find anywhere else, will find it here," she said.

The one-of-a-kind shop will highlight design ideas as well for shoppers and will have items available for purchase online. Manary is hoping to sell products featured in the store all over the world.

However, she remains cognizant of pricing items reasonably, while still creating an "elegant" shopping experience.

Manary has spoken to descendants of the Lucas family, to gather as much information

about the house as she can.

Like Schleifenbaum, she is set on maintaining the legacy of the house while bringing new life to its walls and rooms.

"When you look at the old pictures of Haliburton, that house certainly had a lot of stature. It's right beside the municipal office and in the middle of town ... even inside there are a lot of decorations," said Schleifenbaum.

Stature can be used to describe the house itself and those who once called it their home.

With a political career that spans multiple decades, Reeve Murray Fearrey remembers when the house was inhabited by Madeline Austin and her daughter Dorelle.

"I can always remember Mrs. Austin sitting out in the front porch, when I was first on council, and she'd always have something to ask you about. She was an interesting little lady," he said.

Like many, Fearrey is thrilled with the news the house will be used once again.

"I think it's fantastic. Over the past number of years I've watched it disintegrate," said Fearrey. "That's a pretty high profile corner there with the post office and the municipal office ... it's got a lot of history."

In 2006, the house was sold by Dorelle to an individual who had plans to run it as a bed and breakfast.

That plan never materialized and the house became part of a business transaction, which led to it sitting vacant for the past eight years.

News of the recent developments for the

Lucas house has left many throughout the community excited, including Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler.

"I'm just so delighted," she said. "I think everyone will be curious to see what the house looks like on the inside."

Its location in the middle of town plays into the Lucas's place as one of the founding families of the village.

As the first reeve, Capt. John Lucas helped oversee the construction of the town hall, which was next to where his son would eventually build his own family home.

Born in 1960, John Lucas also served in public office as a Dysart councillor from 1916 to 1927 and lived in the house until he died in 1945.

"It's an important structure in Haliburton's history just because it was a brick house and you don't get a huge number of brick houses at that time," said Butler. "It was also bigger than your average house ... it was a bit of a reflection of their success in business."

And so the stately brick house will continue to stand on its corner next to the post office, across from the town hall, marking its importance in the village.

Like the jet black safe that soundly stands to this day within the inner walls of the house, planted firmly into the foundation, so too sits the Lucas home, rooted in the history of Haliburton.

What is left to be written on the pages of its story remains to be seen, but just like its history, its legacy in Haliburton Village continues to live on.

With files from the Echo

A close second for HHSS in pasta challenge

Jenn Watt
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students can relate to Olympians with fractions of a second between gold and silver.

Last week, the school came in second in the board's annual challenge by just .01 units per capita.

It's hard to believe HHSS didn't take the top spot, looking at the tower of penne, spaghetti, fusilli and rotini in the school's front office Feb. 27.

More than 1,200 packages of pasta came in during the food drive, which benefits both the 4Cs food bank and the Minden Food Bank.

Head secretary Jackie Mayhew explained that this year, whole-wheat pasta counted as two units, while white pasta counted as one, reflecting the nutritional content of whole wheat.

Mayhew thanked Steve Todd and Brad Park of the local grocery stores for their help. (Cash donations had to be translated into actual pasta boxes. They needed to order 400 in each store. They also gave the schools a discount and helped Mayhew load her car with the boxes.)

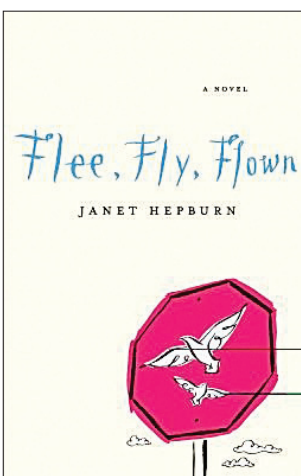
The challenge itself is an initiative of the G7 - Trillium Lakelands District School Board's student senate - and its representative on the G7, Jillian Hawley, spearheaded HHSS's effort.



Jenn Watt Staff

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School came in second in this year's Pasta Challenge, by .01 units per capita. Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute won the top spot with 2.73 units per student. HHSS had 2.72 units per student. About 1,200 packages of pasta were collected, which will go to the 4Cs food bank and Minden Food Bank. From left, 4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff, G7 representative and HHSS student Jillian Hawley and Trillium Lakelands District School Board director Larry Hope.

Book of the month



HCPL's Book of the Month

Flee, Fly, Flown by Janet Hepburn

In honour of her nomination for the 2014 Evergreen Award, Janet Hepburn's *Flee, Fly, Flown* takes another turn as HCPL's Book of the Month.

When Lillian and Audrey hatch a plot to escape from Ottawa's Tranquil Meadows Nursing Home, "borrow" a car, and spend their hastily planned vacation time driving to the west coast, they aren't fully aware of the challenges ahead. Luckily, they meet an unsuspecting young man, Rayne, who will help them navigate the course. As Lillian and Audrey try to take back control of their lives, Rayne realizes the truth - these women are suffering from dementia, have been without their meds and a man-

hunt is underway to locate them. It goes without saying that these funny, brave women will take Rayne - and the reader - on the adventure of a lifetime.

Flee, Fly, Flown by Janet Hepburn is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library. It is a nominee for the 2014 Evergreen™ Award. Janet Hepburn will be a special guest at the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's Lunch and Learn on April 9 at 12 p.m. at The Community Room in Haliburton. Tickets are \$20/per-

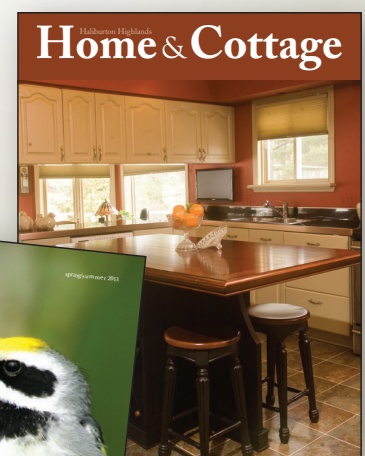
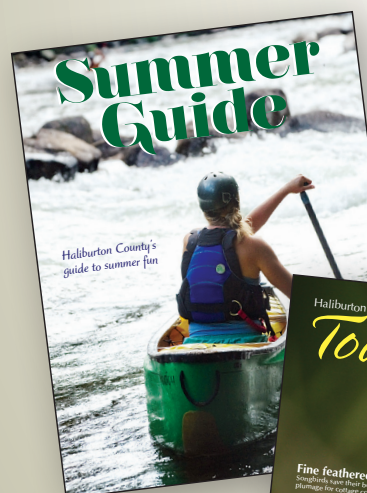
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Library News

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Angelica Blenich Staff

Haliburton Rotarian George Kadoke, right, hands over the keys of his replica 1952 MG roadster to winning bidder Sharon Sinclair on March 1 at the Haliburton Rotary Club's auction fundraiser. Held at Pinestone Resort, the event included a dinner and live, silent and loonie auction, featuring big ticket items like this car, a trip for four to Florida and more. Sinclair and her husband Jack won the car with a bid of \$5,600.

Rotary auction marks 70 years of local service

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It all began on March 3, 1944.

That was the day the Haliburton Rotary Club was established, leading to multiple decades of giving back to the community, a tradition that still exists to this day, 70 years later.

On March 1 the local service club held its annual auction at the Pine-stone Resort, raising approximately \$20,000 through a silent, live and loonie auction.

Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting community projects, such as the newly constructed Head Lake Park bandshell and local not-for-profit organizations.

The local club raises more than \$60,000 annually, said Rotarian Brian Nash.

Founded in 1905, the purpose of the international club was for like-minded professionals to exchange ideas and make meaningful, life-long relationships.

"Rotary is one of the world's first service organizations and it all started with one man, a Chicago attorney by the name of Paul Harris," said Nash.

Now the club has 1.2 million members throughout the world.

Four Haliburton Rotarians recently embarked on a humanitarian trip to Cambodia, to deliver 1,300 bicycles to impoverished children.

The initiative exemplified what the club stands for, which is service above oneself, said Nash.

The Rotarian commended the four individuals and the entire membership for the impact they have on the community.

"We should all be so very proud to



Rotary is one of the world's first service organizations and it all started with one man, a Chicago attorney by the name of Paul Harris.

— Brian Nash

live here ... creating the bonds that bring a community together, making it stronger every day," he said.

Public weigh in on health care in Canada

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Many of those relying on health care in Haliburton County believe there needs to be more focus on front line staff and less on government bureaucracy.

That was one of the many messages delivered at a public consultation on the future of Canadian health care, hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team on Feb. 24.

The last of six consultations hosted throughout the region, the meeting offered the chance to provide feedback on health care, with all comments and concerns being submitted in a final report to provincial and federal government officials.

Facilitated by Mike Perry, executive director of the CKL Family Health Team, the consultation was an opportunity to look at the good and bad aspects of health care.

A variety of issues were raised throughout the hour-and-a-half meeting, including the lack of specialists in the area and the inconvenience and expense of travelling far to meet with a specialist, insufficient home-care support and the dwindling number of spots in long-term care facilities.

A reoccurring theme of the consultation was the duplication of services and levels of government, with some participants asking about the difference between the Family Health Team, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

"It seems like there are too many chiefs and not enough hands," said Carol Browne.

Participants brought up the lack of personal support workers in the area, which many thought had to do with the amount of responsibility placed on them and the low compensation.

Minden resident Karl Braeker took issue with the lack of focus on a healthy lifestyle and preventative measures for poor health, which in the long run could alleviate many of the current system's problems.

Braeker brought up the importance of food labelling in grocery stores and the need for a recreation complex, both of which would help Haliburton residents make better choices.

"What frustrates me is I believe we have an excellent system ... it doesn't take much to make it better, it wouldn't cost much," said Braeker.

President of the Haliburton CARP chapter Bob Stinson spoke to the importance of taking care of seniors and addressing that rising demographic in the county.

Stinson believed attention should be turned to better home care, as this was a way to keep health-care costs down.

Others pointed to information sharing as a problem, citing the Haliburton and Minden hospitals as two facilities within close proximity that don't communicate effectively.

Perry said many branches of the health-care system use different types of computer software, which creates problems for staff and personnel.

All comments and concerns from the consultation will be submitted to the government, as federal funding for health-care is to be renewed in 2014.

Although invited to participate, local MP Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott did not attend any of the six consultations, said Perry.

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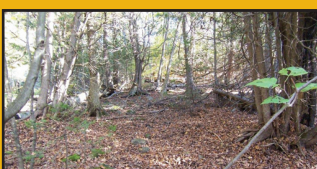
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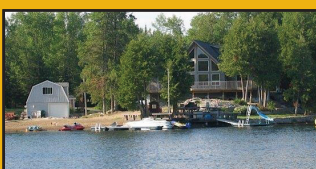
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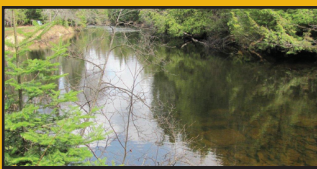
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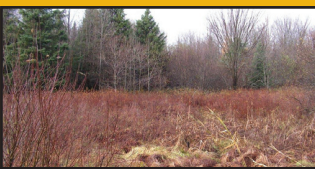
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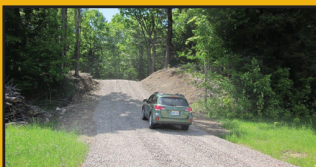
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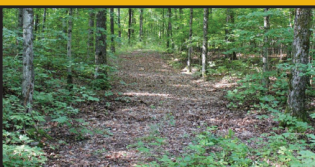
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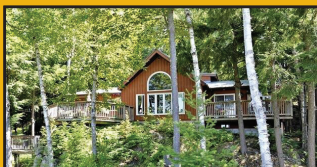
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The entire group of hockey players gathered for a photo after the annual Ontario Provincial Police versus Grade 8 hockey game on Thursday afternoon at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The game ended in a 7-7 tie, but everyone won, as the point of the game is fun and community.

OPP take on Grade 8s

Photos by Darren Lum



Clay Glecoff evades his check during the annual Ontario Provincial Police versus Grade 8 hockey game.



Two J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary Students Emma Tidey, left, and Olivia Villamere showed their support to the students during the annual Ontario Provincial Police versus Grade 8 hockey game.



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Highland Storm minor hockey marking spectacular year

Jenn Watt
Editor

Haliburton County's Highland Storm has been having an incredibly successful, perhaps even historic, year in minor hockey with three A teams and one AE squad in the provincial semi-finals.

The atom, bantam and peewee A teams and midget AE all battled it out this last weekend, hoping to put away enough wins to get to the all-Ontario championships.

The overwhelming success is coming not just from talented players, but from consistent focus on teamwork, said peewee A coach and Storm executive member Jason Morissette.

"In order for this kind of success to happen they had to change attitude," Morissette said of his team. "The attitude is it's better to leave winning a game 2-1 than score a hat-trick and lose the game. So, we've got a lot of kids who are learning to play the game as a team."

It can be tempting for the stronger players to try to play as individuals, because they know they can score more goals, he said.

But it only means short-term success, because when you play as an individual, you leave others unsupported. It can lead to team losses in the end.

"You look at Team Canada in the Olympics. It's all one-goal games. No one is taking chances to get a goal ... that's hockey. That's really good hockey," he said.

The peewees have had to work hard this season, finding strength as a unit. It took some time for everyone to get on board with the team approach, but in the end it paid off. They are in the midst of the semi-finals against Penetanguishene.

"Instead of just running and gunning with it yourself ... they're really learning what it is to be part of a team," he said.

Bantam A coach and Storm executive member Drew Bishop also sees the teamwork component as part of his team's path to the semi-finals against Listowel.

"We have a really strong sense of unity within the team and every player, every line, every goalie gets played equally. So, we're developing the team as a whole," he said.

"Our objective is to keep that unity intact through the remainder of the playoffs."

Bishop said his team's philosophy is to strengthen everyone's abilities at once. In more competitive leagues, the "star" players get the benefit of more game time, but that hinders the development of the team as a whole, Bishop said.

The bantams (ages 13 and 14) have a full roster this year, with 17 players.

"We're trying to keep our kids rallied and excited and keep their intensity high because we're going

to need it [in semi-finals]," he said.

To get to the semi-finals, the atom A Storm had to first work on being a team before they could excel, said coach Tim Keefer.

"It's something we had to work on. We had two first year kids and a couple kids who never played rep hockey," he said. "They had to develop a friendship [first]."

It also took a few losses to teach the lessons that led to better play.

"When you start losing, it encourages the kids to get better," he said.

Getting to the semi-finals against Listowel took hard work and dedication by the players and the coaching staff, he said. The atom A Storm (ages 10 and 11) was a smaller team, with just 10 players and a goalie, which has put extra weight on the players' stamina.

"The conditioning of our kids is a big help," he said, adding that the team has never given up during a game, even when behind in scoring.

Like Morissette, Keefer said the coaches have emphasized the importance of the team above the individual.

"You win as a team, you lose as a team. ... I'm just as happy with an assist as a goal," he said.

Over the last weekend, the midget AE team battled Collingwood in the semi-finals. Coach Joe Roberts said the team overcame some obstacles early on and worked hard to get as far as they did.

"At the start of the season we didn't have enough players for a team. The kids had to find enough players to play," he said.

They ended up with 12 players on the roster, taking on teams from bigger centres with more players to pull from.

"Everybody played hard. Everybody contributed to everything. It was a great team to coach," said Roberts, who has been helping with minor hockey for about 20 years.

Over the course of the season, the midgets (age 15 to 17) gelled as a team, building a sense of unity. They even all dyed their hair bright blonde for the semi-finals.

"The kids had a great season. They all had fun. They were happy," said Roberts.

Bishop is thrilled so many Highland Storm teams are in the playoffs this year.

"It's pretty exciting that we've got three teams in this situation right now," he said.

Morissette believes having three A teams in the semi-finals is historic for the Highland Storm.

The atom A team has won at provincials in the past, but he said peewee A has never made it this far.

"That's historic. That's significant. It's great for all the people who work behind the scenes," he said.



Tim Tofflemire Special to the Echo

Dawn Piercely, left, and Tara Hoare dance up a storm at the dinner/dance event at the Haliburton Legion on March 1. The event raised about \$4,000 for the Haliburton County Special Olympics team.

Supporters dance all night for Red Wolves

Jenn Watt
Editor

Special Olympics athlete Trevor Brauer has learned much from his time on the county's Red Wolves team.

He's been coached on improving his golf swing and he's conquered his fear of slipping on the curling rink ice.

But the thing he talks most about when it comes to his time competing alongside other athletes from around the province is the friendship.

"Meeting new friends and new people and getting along with everyone - that is the most important thing in my world," said Brauer, 40.

One of those new friends is Rick West, a volunteer with the team, who helped Brauer with his golf game.

West is one of the volunteers behind the success of the team, which now has 34 athletes participating from across Haliburton County.

He helped organize Saturday's fundraising dinner dance at the Haliburton Legion to benefit those athletes.

Helping with the team doesn't just benefit the athletes, West said, it boosts the spirits of the coaches and supporters, too.

"You can tell you're having a good time when you see the smiles on the athletes' faces, but even more when you look in the mirror and see your own smile," he said.

The event March 1 featured an auction, food and dancing, with more than 100 people coming out to give to the team.

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Tim Tofflemire Special to the Echo

Red Wolves curlers Dawn Piercely and Trevor Brauer give the quilt to the winner Sue Wisken at the dinner/dance event.

Wolves endeavours, from purchasing team uniforms to paying for bus rides to competitions.

Haliburton County's Red Wolves participate in baseball, bowling, golf and curling with practices every week throughout the year.

Although some Highlands athletes have made it to the provincial level, West and Brauer agree the purpose of the team is about bettering yourself and having meaningful experiences.

"To see someone get their personal best," said West, "seeing the look on his face. It's not the score. It's about meeting people and having fun."

When Brauer first tried curling, he wasn't sure he liked getting out on the slippery ice. That was about five years ago. Now he's vice on the Red Wolves team and calls curling "my passion."

(Brauer is passionate about a lot of things, including baking, cooking and martial arts.)

The Red Wolves curling team is currently working to qualify for the Canada games.

There is always space for more athletes and West said he knows there are more people in Haliburton County who would love the Special Olympics experience.

"There are athletes out there who aren't athletes yet," he said.

Those interested in joining the Red Wolves (or supporting them in their endeavours) can call West at 705-457-8855 or Yvette Brauer at 705-488-2282.

Some of those helping with Saturday's event included Yvette Brauer, Rick West, Kim Burk, Judith Fisher, Bernice (Honey) Murray, Tim Tofflemire, Ron Murphy and Barb Piercely.

Sports



Hawks crowned kings of Kawartha League

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It's a year of firsts for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team following their top ranking in the league.

Maybe it was just pre-destined or plain hard work, but the Red Hawks managed to beat everyone, AA or AAA for the Kawartha High School Hockey League title for the first time.

Coach Ron Yake smiled about the team's performance on the day, particularly about what the 1-0 win over the larger St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints team meant.

"It's the first time in our high school history that we have beat everybody in a our league, AA or AAA. We've been AA champs for Kawartha, but we've never beat a team like St. Peter's so this was humongous for us and it was a great victory," he said.

There was a solid showing of support at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Thursday, Feb. 27 in Haliburton when the Hawks hoisted the Kawartha trophy in the air.

Starting out, the Hawks looked flat and on their heels at times and so did the Falcons through parts of the rest of the game.

They weathered the initial wave of attacks through solid goaltending from Brayden Frost, who earned the shutout, and solid work by everyone in front of him, Yake said.

Yake acknowledged fatigue was a factor, but thought the opposition was suffering as well.

"They were tired too. They had the big bus ride so I think both teams were a little tired, but, hey, they're a good team," he said, referring to their trip from Peterborough. "I said to the guys before the game, Team Canada played outstanding. I don't expect anyone today is going to play that

well, but I think we came darn close."

Earlier in the day, both teams played their semi-finals and it showed in the final.

During the Hawks' morning game, the home side survived a nail-biter against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons.

It didn't start out that way, as the Hawks dominated the visitors for close to two periods, leading 3-0 on the strength of winger, Jake Bursey's hat trick.

The Falcons, as has been their trademark against the Hawks, made a game of it in the second half, scoring a pair of quick goals to narrow the gap to 3-2.

An insurance goal from Hawks forward Jake Harrison 10 seconds later proved invaluable as the Falcons countered with a third goal, narrowing the two-goal gap to one.

Harrison, who put in yeoman's work on the penalty kill with Curtis Ballantyne, finished with the game-winner.

Hawks winger, Tyler Barry added the last goal for the 5-3 win with a bullet that handcuffed Pete's goalie, Adam Harris.

Barry also supplied the heroics for the Kawartha final, scoring the game-winner on a nice rush by linemate Bursey, who took his check behind the net leaving Barry wide open.

A collective sigh might not have been heard, but the release of tension was obvious.

The Hawks advance to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships as the No. 1 AA Kawartha seed while Saints advances as the No. 1 AAA seed on Tuesday at the Wally Dever Arena in Belleville. The Falcons advance to COSSA as the No. 2 seed.

The COSSA winner will advance to play at the all-provincials.

Note: AA school has a population less than 900 students and AAA is over 900.



From top, Red Hawks player Spencer Trueman reaches for a puck in the Kawartha final; winger Tyler Barry celebrates his eventual game-winner against the semi-final; the Red Hawks celebrate their 1-0 win against the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School to capture the Kawartha High School Hockey League Championships

Photos this page and next by Darren Lum



Photos from left clockwise, Red Hawks defenceman Tanner Hamilton finishes a shot in the final; Hawks defenceman Chris Hall leans in on a shot in the semi-finals; Barry finishes a check in the final and Nate Feir celebrates with Jake Harrison after an insurance goal against the Falcons in the semi-finals, which proved to be the game-winner.



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Darren Lum Staff

Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics silver medalist Matt Pheaton is excited about his first all-provincial berth in wrestling from March 5 to 6 in Brampton. Pheaton is proud to represent the Red Hawks and Haliburton at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships.



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Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Red Hawks wrestler Matt Pheaton is brimming with confidence going into the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships from March 5 to 6 in Brampton.

Pheaton is realistic about his chances and will carry the strength of the Red Hawks with him as the lone representative.

"I just want to do the best I can. It doesn't matter if I make podium, but I'd like to. I want to get out of there knowing I did the best I could," he said.

After a shortened sports year, the student athlete who stands less than five-foot-four was a little nervous to start his year.

"The first year back I didn't know what to expect," he said. "I blanked when I walked out, but as soon as the whistle blew ... everything came back," he said.

He went on to win his 51-kilogram weight class and three other competitions.

Pheaton said, aside from one bronze, he won a silver or a gold in all of his events.

The Grade 10 wrestler said daily practice since mid-November, training with wrestlers up a weight class and coaches helped in his first berth to the all-provincials.

"They're definitely pushy. It helps. I don't want a soft coach," he said.

His coach, Paul Klose, is proud of Pheaton, who he said will be younger than most at the all-provincials, as the majority will be in Grade 11 or higher.

"Matt will be there as a young wrestler. To be in this tournament in Grade 10 can only be good," he said.

The team's other coach is Dan Fockler. Klose, who said there would be 29 wrestlers in Pheaton's weigh class, likes how he has matured from his first year.

"He's putting things together. He's transitioning from move to move, which is what you want at this tournament so it's not just getting out there and being a one-move person," he said.

The future is bright for this wrestler. "He's quick. His technique's pretty decent and in the next few years his technique will just keep improving. I'm excited," he said.

The goal, he adds, is for Pheaton to get to the second day of matches.

This two-day event is a double-elimination format.

Competitors who lose the first two matches go home or keep winning and remain in the hunt for the top-six podium.

Lose one and the competitor will be relegated to the consolation round.

Final matches are scheduled for Thursday March 6 at 3 p.m.

The OFSAA website (www.ofsaa.on.ca/wrestling) is advertising finals matches will be broadcasted live.

Nordic OFSAA success in Hawks' participation

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It might not have been a podium finish, but it didn't have to be for success.

The Red Hawks Christine Bishop and McKenzie Hill just wanted a chance to compete at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship.

In Timmins last week, the junior skier Bishop finished the four kilometre free event in 66th of 129 competitors while senior teammate Hill finished the five kilometre free event in 98th of 125 skiers.

Hawks coach Jennifer Paton, who made the trip, said, "[They] both skied well and enjoyed the chance to ski against the best of the province."

Among Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics competitors the two Hawks finished exactly the same, fourth and sixth, respectively. Paton said this was an example of how the COSSA region compares to the rest of the province.

Hawks advance

The following is a HHSS sports brief for the Feb. 24 to 28 week.

Last week, the Red Hawks girls' hockey team played in the Kawartha High School Hockey League championships where they battled two strong teams but fell short on the score sheet. Fortunately, the team will still move on to COSSA.

Submitted by Judi Paul

Midget AE Storm's season ends with valiant effort

The Highland Storm Timber Mart midget AE started their 2013/14 season off strong with four consecutive wins. From there the team continued to show dominance and finished in first place in the Muskoka Parry Sound league. Heading into playoffs the team played the Huntsville Otters. The Storm played strong and took the series in five games. In the second round, the midgets played the Ennismore Eagles, where the Storm swept the series in three games. In the semi-finals of the OMHA playdowns, the Storm faced the Collingwood Blackhawks. Despite a valiant effort, the Storm was worn down by the BB centre with a full bench and finished the series at 3-1. The boys went out like gentlemen making all their families and community proud. A great finish for a great season. Thanks to all the coaching staff for their dedication and time. Congratulations and thank you to our sponsor Haliburton Timber Mart.

Submitted by Drew Bishop

Storm girls tie Ennismore in league playoffs

The Highland Storm Minden Car Quest midget B girls wrapped up their provincial playdowns on Saturday in Minden hosting the West Northumberland Wild. The Storm and the Wild battled to a 0-0 tie. With the tie, the Storm are eliminated from the provincial play Downs.

The Storm hosted the Ennismore Eagles on Sunday in Haliburton for game two of their league play-offs. The four-point series was tied at one point each after the first game 0-0 tie. Looking to keep pace with the Eagles, the Storm picked up their level of play. The game was tied after two scoreless periods, but with just minutes left in the third, Ennismore capitalized on a turnover in front of the Storm net to take a 1-0 lead. The goal proved to be the game-winner as the Storm could not find an equalizer even with their goalie pulled for the last few minutes. Keep the same focus Storm girls as we try to tie the series at three points with a win on Wednesday night on the road, and then steal the series in overtime or in a shoot out, in a race for the fourth point.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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Snowboarders carve to OFSAA bronze in Mansfield

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks snowboarding team was led by a bronze performance by the Red Hawks girls' snowboarding team at the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations on Feb. 27 at the Mansfield Ski Club.

Hawks coach Caley Sisson said, "all the girls raced well, getting a time was key to a combined time and final result."

Red Hawks Robin Hogarth led the snowboarding team with a seventh place and combined two-run time of 75.86, followed by Hunter McTeague in 30th place and Beth Foster in 56th place, who all figured in the top-three for team points.

They're efforts helped the team finish for a tie for second.

The Hawks were left with third after the tiebreaker was decided by total time. The Hawks total top-three time was

248.16 compared to the second place team of 244.9.

Foster was followed by teammates Christina Stephen, McKenzie Hill and Christine Bishop. There were 111 competitors in the girls' field.

Tough luck for boys

The boys' top finisher was Roylance Gage, who finished in 63rd place with a two-run combined time of 83.86, followed by Jesse Davis, Hunter Bishop, Abe Churko, Roman Gardiner and Preston Roberts.

"Some of our boys had difficulty with first gate and went between them, disqualifying them from the first race run. This affected the combined team time as well as individual times and the ability to place in the top three," Sisson said.

There were 59 competitors who either did not finish or start from the 167 boys' field.

Coming Events



Spring is so close you can taste it at the Haliburton Highlands Museum!



Friday, March 14th and Saturday, March 15th: 11:00am-3:00pm

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Get ready to vote Haliburton Kraft Hockeyville

On March 8, be sure to watch Hockey Night in Canada on CBC when 16 communities from across Canada will be named as finalists to move onto the audience voting rounds of the 2014 Kraft Hockeyville competition.

Hockey lives in Haliburton. Just ask the hundreds of NHL players who came to the iconic Haliburton Hockey Haven over its 24 years of existence; or the four NHL stars who started their illustrious careers at the Dysart Arena or our own 2014 gold medal Olympian just home from Sochi or the bevy of retired NHL players and executives who chose to live here in Haliburton.

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The first of three audience voting rounds starts March 8 at 11 p.m. and lasts for two days until midnight on Monday, March 10.

To vote, go to krafthockeyville.cbc.ca or call the toll free

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Bantams win one, lose one against Listowel

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The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam As travelled to Listowel for their first two games of the OMHA semi-finals. Game 1 was Saturday and the Storm team won 8-4. Goals were from Matt Wilbee and Paydon Miscio with two each, Owen Smitty Smith, Nolan Flood, Chase Burden and Chris Thompson all with singles. Assists went to Owen Smith with three, Matt Wilbee with two, Owen Patterson Smith, Kyle Cooper, Andrew Hall, Jake Bishop and Nolan Flood and Chase Burden all had one assist.

Game 2 on Sunday wasn't as good as the Storm lost 7-1. Matt Wilbee got the only goal assisted by Nolan Flood.

The boys need some hometown support as they play in Minden Friday at 9 p.m. and Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Haliburton and if need be in Minden on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Come out and cheer them on!

Submitted by Craig Smith

Tough start to semi-finals for peewee A

The Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Peewee A team played Penetang at the Minden arena on Saturday and started strong in the first period with goals by Owen Gilbert and Sean Walker. Penetang came back with two goals of their own in the second period but then Gilbert put one in on a scramble in front of the Penetang net midway in the period to regain the lead. Goalie Carson Sisson made some great stops including one on a Penetang breakaway. The Highland Storm could not hold off Penetang in the third period when they took a penalty and Penetang managed to tie it up with a power-play goal. Overtime saw the Storm team put on some good pressure but could not score leaving the game tied 3-3.

Game two was played in Penetang on Sunday starting with a scoreless first period. Penetang opened the scoring early in the second period on a power-play goal and then got another with four minutes remaining in the period. The Highland Storm had some good chances but could not get enough quality shots on net. Penetang scored a third goal at 10:35 in the third period going on to defeat the Highland Storm 3-0. *Submitted by Larry Bukta*



Above, the midget AE team dyed their hair blonde for the semi-finals.

Atom A looking for a comeback

This was our first game in the semi-finals versus the Listowel Cyclones. After a four-hour trip to Listowel, the boys were geared, stretched and ready to play some hockey. The first period started off very intense and Listowel ended up getting the first goal. It was an action packed game Dylan Keefer our goalie was really being challenged. The game ended in a 3-0 loss for the Storm.

Our second game the boys came out guns a blazing, they meant business and were not going down without a fight. We were all over them, with awesome shots on net but no scoring in the first period. Listowel managed to get the first goal in the second period. The reffing was certainly not in our favor. The Cyclones scored again early in the third period. The boys were now down 2-0 but still fighting to keep themselves in the game. With 9:41 to go in the third Brenden Newhook assisted by Jake Sisson and Cody Martin managed to sneak one passed the cyclone goalie to put the Storm on the board. It was a very intense game and the boys gave it all they had. The final out come was a 2-1 loss for the Peppermill atom A team! We are so proud of them and we know they can make a comeback on home ice. We play Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Minden, come out and support them as it will be a great game I'm sure. If the Storm is successful on Friday night we play again Saturday, March 8, in Haliburton at 3 p.m. and if necessary Sunday, March 9, at 2 pm in Minden.

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Weekly - March 3 to 9

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Annual Public Speaking

Members of Branch 624 and 181 of the Royal Canadian Legion attended the Annual Public Speaking contest held at Wilberforce Elementary School on Thursday, Feb. 27. The results are as follows

Group 1: Desi Davies - Grade 5 - first place Topic: How teachers spend their time when they are not teaching. Taylor Donaldson - Grade 5 - second place Topic: Mallard ducks are awesome. Group 2: Alexis Toth - Grade 8 - first place Topic: Friends. Melanie Toth - Grade 7 - second place Topic: dogs.

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SCOPE OF WORK: The scope of work includes the construction of a 500 m access road, 2 parking lots, 400 m of taxiways, 12,000 sq.m. aircraft apron, Stormwater Management Pond, associated electrical works, line painting and demolition of an existing hangar. The successful tenderer will be required to enter into a contract with the successful contractor for the aircraft hangar construction.

START/END DATE: Anticipated to be May 1, 2014 with the completion of the work by October 31, 2014.

Tender documents will be available after **2 p.m.** local time on **Monday, March 3, 2014** at the Township Office located at:

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Kick off March Break with a bonspiel

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

In addition to the successful accomplishments of Canadian sports participants there are many other areas where Canadians are to be celebrated. Numerous Canadian musicians and actors have made their mark.

Canadian writers come to mind as we are in the week of the Canada Reads program on CBC Radio. In the female category alone many easily come to mind. Alice Munro, Margaret Atwood, Margaret Lawrence. Lucy Maude Montgomery, Mavis Gallant, Carol Shields, Charlotte Gray, Joy Fielding, Jane Urquhart, Louise Penny and Maureen Jennings are some whose works many have read and celebrate.

Having had the privilege of attending excellent perfor-

mances of *Watch her* and *A Month In The Country* by the National Ballet of Canada last weekend I am celebrating that amazing company of dancers. The movements, the music, the sets and the costumes were all part of the search for truths in life through dance.

Seeking help in dealing with chronic pain some folks in this community have been attending an ongoing program. It is being offered on Thursday mornings 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Wilberforce Legion. Two of six sessions have already been held. We understand this program is being provided through Community Care.

Next Saturday a curling bonspiel at the Wilberforce club will be for teams that include both children/youth and adults.

A fun way to kick off March Break.

Correction: In the Hughey family picture portrayed in the Pic of the Past in February 18 edition the second husband of Annis was John Morrison.

Cooking classes continue at Abbey Gardens

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

One of our Grass Lake residents, Cliff Davison, hopes to be returning home after his recent recovery in Haliburton hospital.

Not exactly Guilford news, but of interest to many here who know him, Albert Carpenter is recovering satisfactorily from heart surgery in Toronto General Hospital.

Cooking classes at Abbey Gardens under Jim Vidocz continue this month on March 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. and on March 19 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Call Abbey Gardens at 705-754-4769 as to the actual food

to be demonstrated. Best of all, you get to taste the servings at the end of the class.

Some of you may have read the column by "Maybelle," i.e. Jerelyn Craden, in which she lauds the people who carry on daily despite ongoing difficulties. These she terms "Silent Olympics." Good to have these valiant souls brought to our attention. Perhaps they live by that British slogan: Keep calm and carry on.

Anyway, hats off to you!

Once again hurray for Matt Duchene - the pride continues. You don't get to that standard without the continuous work on the ice, the effort and perseverance it takes and your Guilford audience keeps applauding, Matt!

Euchre for Feb. 25: high - Irish Miscio and Ed Muenzel; low - Kathee Freeman and Ray Campbell; most lone hands - Myra Marshall and Ron Bain.



NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: Monday, April 14th, 2014
- TIME: 5:00 pm
- LOCATION: Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

- Lands of the Castle Trading Company Inc.:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will amend the C-11 zone as follows:
 - Add a retail store as a permitted use.
 - Add zone provisions that require 7 parking spaces and 1 loading space.
 - Location: Part Lot 17, Concession 8, Part Lot 1, Block H, Plan 1, Township of Dysart (123 Maple Ave.)

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 4th day of March, 2014.

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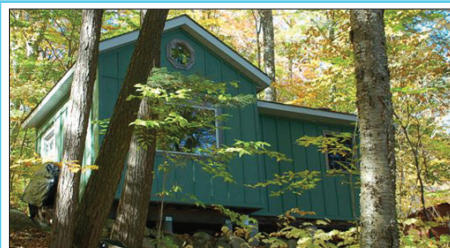
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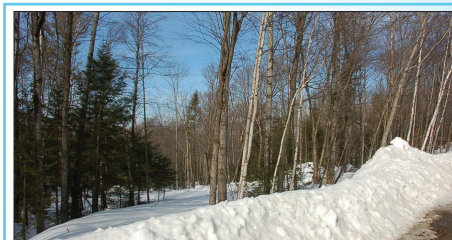
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